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PATENTREMARKSInformation Disclosure Statements

Attached to the final Office action dated August 11, 2004, were signed copies of the information disclosure statements for references 1-17 (date stamped March 11, 2002), 30 (date stamped November 28, 2003), 31-34 (date stamped February 10, 2004) and 35 (date stamped July 16, 2004). The statement date stamped March 11, 2002 indicates that there are two pages to that statement, which would include references 18-29. The second page of the March 11, 2002 statement indicating that references 18-29 were considered by the Office was not attached to the final Office action.

Applicants request that a signed copy of page 2 of 2 of the March 11, 2002 information disclosure statement be provided to the undersigned, either by fax (314-231-4243), by separate letter, or with the next communication from the Office.

Claims

Claims 20, 23, 24, 29-33, 38, 45, 47, 49, 50, 52 and 53 are amended and claims 21, 22, 39, 40, and 46 are canceled herein. Claims 20, 23-36, 38, 41, 45, and 47-54 will be pending following entry of this amendment.

Applicants note that claim 48 was allowed in the final Office action dated August 11, 2004. Claims 22, 39, 46-47, 50 and 53 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 20 is amended accordingly herein to include the recitation of allowable claim 22 and is therefore submitted to be in proper form for allowance. Claim 22 has been canceled.

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Claims 23-36 and 49-52 depend directly or indirectly from claim 20 and are therefore also submitted to be in proper form for allowance. The amendments to claims 23, 24, 29-32, 49, 50 and 52 are being made to improve the form of the respective claims and not for reasons relating to patentability of these claims.

Claim 38 is amended herein to include the recitation of allowable claim 39 and is therefore submitted to be in proper form for allowance. Claim 39 has been canceled.

Claims 41, 53 and 54 depend directly or indirectly from claim 38 and are therefore also submitted to be in proper form for allowance. The amendment to claim 53 is being made to change the dependency of the claim and not for reasons relating to the patentability of the claim.

Claim 45 is amended herein to include the recitation of allowable claim 46 and is therefore submitted to be in proper form for allowance. Claim 46 has been canceled.

Allowable claim 47 is amended herein to depend directly from amended claim 45 and is therefore also submitted to be in proper form for allowance.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and allowance of claims 20, 23-36, 38, 41, 45, and 47-54 as now presented. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency in connection with this Amendment B to Deposit Account Number 19-1345 in the name of Senniger Powers.

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